



PLEADS FOR THE PEOPLE

Jerome's Speech Confined to Facts.

BELIEVES THAW INSANE

Thaw's Incarceration in the Asylum for the Criminal Insane Would be Satisfactory.

SPOKE FOR TWO HOURS

It is an Open Secret That Mr. Jerome Believes Thaw Insane Now and at the Last Trial Stated That Fact in Open Court.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—There is a possibility that Harry K. Thaw's case may be in the hands of the jury before court adjourned tonight. Mr. Littleton for the defense had finished with his summing up and District Attorney Jerome will begin this morning. At the first trial he spoke for over two hours and if he contents himself with an address of no longer duration today there will be time enough for Justice Dowling to deliver his charge and turn the case over to the jury before adjournment. In case Mr. Jerome continues until late in the afternoon the judge's charge will not be delivered until Friday and the jurors will have one more night of their comfortable hotel apartments before being locked in the jury room with the life of a human being in their hands.

What task the district attorney will take in his address to the jury is not known. The defense introduced no evidence to show that Harry Thaw is now insane nor that he is a safe person to be allowed at large. The plea of the defense, "not guilty by reason of insanity" would seem to leave no alternative to the jury in case they wish to acquit him unless it be a verdict in the same terms. The district attorney did not attempt in any way to controvert the testimony of the defense witnesses that Thaw was suffering from a variety of recurring mania when he killed White.

It is an open secret that Mr. Jerome believes Thaw insane now and at the last trial he stated in open court that he would be satisfied with the verdict of a lunacy commission which would send Thaw to an asylum for the criminally insane. It is not unlikely that his opinion today is the same as it was at that time and that a verdict which would mean Thaw's incarceration in the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan would be satisfactory to the representatives of the people.

Jerome made a masterly plea today that justice be done in the case of Harry Kendall Thaw. Vindictiveness, sneers, insinuations, lacking logic, analysis, the calm consideration of facts were their substitutes. There was ever a note of fairness, even at times of mercy. Jerome was no longer attempting to shield the name of Stanford White; he accepted story told by Evelyn as true, all but the drugging, and made a frank confession to the jury that velvet swings and mirrored rooms in studio houses described by the girl were a miserable reality. Jerome pleaded for the girl because she had never had a chance for any of the higher, cleaner and sweeter things of life. The climax came however when Jerome denounced Thaw and White in one breath as "two degenerates" quarrelling over a woman." He said that Evelyn played one against the other until Thaw killed White. The case will go to the jury tomorrow morning. Thaw may know his fate before the setting of another sun.

TRIAL MARRIAGES.

Minister of Justice and Worship in Favor of Trial Marriages.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—In replying to the theme advanced by Paul Bourget in his play "A Divorce," as seen in this city Tuesday night, Artide Briand, minister of justice and worship, practically comes out in favor of trial marriages.

He endorses the idea of gradual evolution of the doctrine of divorce until the point is reached where a marriage may be contracted for a specific period under legal safeguards protecting the interests of both parties. He declared it is impossible for those about to enter upon this relation to know the true character of their partners and that it is unnatural and intolerable to expect an unmated pair to dole out an existence in which they have nothing in common.

INVESTIGATING SOCIAL LIFE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Madame Laurence Fiedler, noted as one of the most advanced women in France in matters relating to social life among the working classes, is in America on a tour of inspection in the interest of the French government.

PLAN NEW CHURCH

Edifice to Cost One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

REPLACE BURNED STRUCTURE

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Society Intend to Build Scientifically Without Any Structural Subterfuges, of a Supposedly Gothic Cast.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Plans, which if carried out as now planned will result in the erection of the finest Protestant Episcopal church structure in the country, not designated for cathedral uses, were made public yesterday by the officials of St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church for the new edifice of that church at Fifth Avenue and 53rd street. The old St. Thomas for years a Fifth Avenue landmark, was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1905. Since that time Architects have been working steadily on plans for an edifice to replace the burned structure. As now tentatively announced, these plans involve an expenditure of at least \$100,000 for the fabric of the new church alone and provide a structure combining architectural features from both French and English cathedrals.

The application of such a sum will be necessary, the church officers say because of their determination to build the structure scientifically without any structural subterfuges, masked by applied decoration of a supposedly Gothic cast. They are determined, they say, to avoid in this sacred edifice the "structural lie" of employing steel and reinforced concrete construction with veneered exterior. Interiorly the new church which will be twice the size of the old, will be notable for its great basilica, 214 feet long 43 feet wide in the center and 95 feet from the pavement to the crown of the vault. It will with chapels have a seating of nearly 2,000. Facilities will be afforded for numerous memorials of various descriptions. It is not planned to begin the work of construction until after Easter or next year.

RECEIVERSHIP APPLIED FOR

Eastern Steamship Co. in Difficulty.

IN DIFFERENT STATES

Companies Consolidated by C. Morse, Who Sought to Control Coastwise Trade.

W. C. MULLER, THE APPLICANT

Company Had Total Indebtedness of \$1,350,000—Financiers Say That the Failure to Provide a Sinking Fund Caused the Trouble.

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—Proceedings were instituted in this city today for a receivership for the Consolidated Steamship Company were instituted simultaneously with those in the courts of Portland, Maine, and New York. The action was brought by Wm. A. Muller, of Arlington, Mass., whose counsel filed the three bills of complaint against the Consolidated and also against two subsidiary companies. Muller declares that the Eastern Steamship Company has a total floating indebtedness of \$1,350,000 and that the metropolitan company has a floating indebtedness of \$1,860,000, with unpaid bills of \$250,000, and interest on outstanding bonds of \$1,200,000. The immediate cause of the petition was the failure of the Eastern Steamship Company to meet a demand note to Mr. Muller of \$10,000. The companies were consolidated by Charles Morse, who sought to control the coastwise trade, six being consolidated for that purpose, with an authorized bond issue of \$60,000,000 and \$62,000,000 in stock. In addition there were outstanding bonds of the six companies of \$24,624,000. Financiers say the failure on the part of the company to provide a sinking fund for underlying bonds was the cause of the difficulties of the company.

FREIGHT CAR FIGURES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—E. B. Boyd, assistant to the President of the Gould railway system was the guest of honor at a banquet given last night by the Chicago Board of Trade, of which he was formerly traffic manager. W. C. Brown, vice-president of the New York Central lines, one of the principal speakers, deplored the quietness of commerce throughout the United States and expected conditions would soon improve. He said in part: "I want to say to you now, gentlemen, that there are now in the United States more than a million dollars worth of cars that no one wants. They are idle from lack of business, in all parts of the country."

CASHING WORTHLESS CHECKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Nora Bracklin, also known as Mrs. R. Parker, giving her age as 17 years, was arrested late yesterday afternoon by a detective at a leading hotel here, on a telegraphic warrant from Seattle charging her with obtaining money under false pretenses. She was registered under the name of Miss Gardner and was occupying one of the best rooms in the hotel. The allegations under which she is held in the jail here accuse her of cashing two checks aggregating \$45 at a hotel in Seattle as well as passing other checks said to be equally worthless on a number of merchants in her city. The total amount is about \$700.

DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill passed the house today. The total amount carried is \$23,664,450 or \$410,000 less than was reported by the committee. The largest single reduction was \$300,000 in the clothing fund for the army. The provision of bill No. 34 for additional police for the new House office building was stricken out on a point of order by Jones, of Washington, after considerable discussion.

A JEALOUS HUSBAND.

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 30.—J. A. Martin, a carpenter of this city, shot his wife and then killed himself. The cause was jealousy. The couple had not been living together, and had eight children.

CUTTERS FOR COAST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The committee on commerce of the Senate today ordered a favorable report on the bill to provide for two new revenue cutters for the Pacific Coast.

BRYAN THEIR CHOICE.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 30.—Bryan was unanimously endorsed for the presidential nomination in a joint caucus of the Democratic members of the West Virginia Senate and House today.

TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—The executive committee of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission today gave \$25,000 to the widows and children of 250 mines killed last month in the Darr mine disaster.

CLAIMS INNOCENCE

Hall Enters Denial of Charges Against Him.

CROSS EXAMINED BY HENEY

Honey Introduces Letters to Show Hall Promptly Prosecuted Small Holders But Failed to Proceed Against Butte Creek Company.

UNIQUE OPERATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Two young surgeons at Bellevue hospital last night performed an operation which is said to be unique in surgical history. Nearly two months ago Michael Fitzpatrick a "trustee" in the Tombs' prison, fell down an elevator shaft in the prison and broke his back. He was removed to Bellevue but it was thought nothing could be done for him. He clung to life tenaciously and Dr. Milton E. Lewis and Dr. Dudley S. Conley, who were graduated from Columbia Medical School last year, became much interested in his case. Four of Fitzpatrick's vertebrae were broken and the ragged ends were pressing against the spine, paralyzing the entire body. The operation consisted in cutting off the end of these vertebrae with a crescent shaped saw and winding the stubs of each one with tissue rubber, making a cushion of each. It was believed last night that the operation had been entirely successful. Fitzpatrick must remain for several months on a rubber water bed.

BANK CLOSED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Many of the singers of the Metropolitan Opera Company, it is said, had deposits in the New Amsterdam National Bank which was taken over by the controller of the currency last night. The bank is in the opera house building and was therefore convenient for the singers. Among the depositors, it is reported is Enrico Caruso, the tenor, who is said to have had \$4000 on deposit there. When the news of the closing of the bank was told at the opera house last night there was consternation among the singers but the performance was not delayed.

AUTOISTS BROUGHT TO TIME

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A despatch to the Record Herald from Los Angeles says: A decision by the district court of appeals declares in effect that automobilists are obliged to look out for pedestrians and keep from running them down and that pedestrians cannot be charged with contributory negligence if they do not keep out of the way of automobiles. The decision affirmed a judgment for \$7000 damages awarded Stanley King who had been run down by the automobile of E. K. Green.

RUEF ISSUES STATEMENT

A Denial of His Alleged Double Dealing.

IS WILLING TO TESTIFY

In Open Court He Denounced as Untrue Statement of District Attorney Langdon.

PROMISES OF LENIENCY

Accused the District Attorney of Trying to Force Him Into Absolute Compliance With Certain Demands—Had no Communications.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Abe Ruef in open court today denounced as untrue the statement of District Attorney Langdon that he had been in communication with the other defendants in the United Railroads' case and tonight issued a statement in which he repeated the denial of his alleged double dealing. He charged the prosecution with violating its solemn word of honor and written pledges; accused the district attorney of trying to force him into absolute compliance with certain demands by securing his conviction and then under promise of leniency compel him to testify. He reiterated that he kept faith and asserted he is now and always had been willing to testify to the truth as he had done before the grand jury.

NINE MINERS KILLED.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Nine miners met their death in New River colliery, 45 miles from here this afternoon by an explosion which partly wrecked the mine. Sixteen others who escaped with slight injuries.

OFFICIALS GO TO ORIENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—J. H. Hiland, third vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, in charge of traffic, and F. A. Miller, general passenger agent of the same line, left on the steamer Mongolia today for Japan and China.

TO RESTRAIN ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Senator Gore introduced a bill prohibiting the granting of restraining orders by the federal courts in cases between employer and employe unless it is necessary to prevent an irreparable injury to property rights of the party making the application. The bill also provides that no agreement between employe and employe can be held by a court as a conspiracy unless property rights are endangered.

NOBLES WONT GET IT ALL.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 30.—A bill, the effect of which would be to tax dowries given by New York State women under their marriage to foreigners, was introduced in the assembly today by Keller of New York. It provides a tax of 20 per cent on such property above the value of \$100,000.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 30.—Gus Wichman, a longshoreman, was killed and Chris Hansen, probably fatally, injured by the breaking of a sling while loading lumber on the Angus today. Wichman's body was badly mangled and crushed.

NO CIGARETTE SMOKING.

GUTHRIE, Jan. 30.—The lower house of the legislature passed a measure prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes, the penalty being a fine of from five to twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ALDRICH BANKING BILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The Senate held a short session today during which Aldrich reported his banking bill from the committee on finance which he announced he would call up for consideration on Monday February 10th.

BURNS FINDS CHAUFFEUR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Detective Burns announces that he has located Alexander Latham, former chauffeur for Abraham Ruef, who is an important witness in the bribery graft cases and who mysteriously disappeared. He declines to state Latham's whereabouts.

IS JAPAN SEEKING LOAN?

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The presence in this city of Reizero Wakatsuki, vice minister of finance of Japan, created fresh rumors of Japan seeking a new loan.

CHARGE COWARDICE

Government Accused of Doing Politics in Ireland.

IGNORES REIGN OF TERRORISM

Marquis of Londonderry States That the Present State of Ireland is Worse Than in Dark Days, Early in the 80's—Judges Paralyzed.

LONDONDERRY, Jan. 30.—Heated charges of cowardice in turning a blind eye to the "Reign of Terrorism" in Ireland in order to keep Nationalists in good temper and assure a continuance of their support in the Commons was launched against the government in the house of lords today. The Marquis of Londonderry, who was viceroy of Ireland in 1886-89 led in the attack and so infectious were his statements that even Lord Langford, who has been a representative peer of Ireland since 1884 broke his silence of 24 years and devoted his maiden speech to a recital of his personal experiences with cattle driving outside his own gates. The Marquis of Londonderry declared that the present state of Ireland was worse than in the dark days early in the eighties, when murder and outrage were rampant. He attributed these conditions entirely to the cowardice of the government. Cattle raiding is in progress in ten counties. Judges are paralyzed in the sections subject to coercion by the Irish league and a trial by jury is a farce. Out of 237 prisoners tried only 8 were convicted.

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